

Learning How To Offer Criticism

(Galatians 6:1)

Introduction:

1. In last week's lesson, we discussed the importance of receiving criticism and correction in the proper way.
2. This lesson will be addressed at the importance of offering criticism and correction in the proper way.
3. The manner in which we speak to a person is often as important as the substance of what we say.

I. **Suggestions For When We Must Criticize & Correct**

- A. Criticize The Action, Not The Person.
 1. (Romans 7:13-25).
 2. (Psalm 25:7).
- B. Correct Someone In Private.
 1. (John 21:15-20).
 2. (Acts 18:26).
 3. (Proverbs 12:16).
- C. Don't Exaggerate.
 1. Words like, "always," and "never" are usually untrue and give a person reason to reject what you are trying to communicate.
 2. (Titus 2:8).
 3. (Titus 2:15).
- D. Consider Your Motives.
 1. (Galatians 6:1).
 2. The purpose of correction or criticism should be to help a person, not to "twist a knife."
- E. Realize Criticism Is Not A Talent.
 1. Be known for better things!
 2. (Romans 14:19).
 3. (Acts 4:36)

Conclusion:

1. Because we're all imperfect, we need instruction on how to give and how to receive correction and criticism.
2. With a proper attitude, we can help one another to mature and prepare ourselves for eternity.

